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CITY ATTORNEY MICHAEL AGUIRRE BRIEFS THE NEWS MEDIA ON IMPORTANT CITY MATTERS

NEWS BRIEFING: September 4, 2007 at 12:30 p.m.

LOCATION: City Hall, 202 C Street, 13th floor pressroom, downtown San Diego

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1. Alcohol Consumption at Beaches

The City Attorney is supporting the efforts of City Council member Kevin Faulconer to ban alcohol consumption at beaches in light of yesterday's alcohol-induced beach brawl in Pacific Beach. A total of twenty-two arrests were made for public intoxication and fighting in the beach area.

In his remarks today, Aguirre stated that San Diego County is one of the only jurisdictions in Southern California that allows alcohol consumption on its beaches. However, La Jolla Shores, Carlsbad and Imperial Beach have all banned alcohol on their beaches. The City Attorney's Office will be drafting the proposed ordinance.

2. Future Water Shortages in Southern California

In a memorandum today to the Mayor and City Council, Aguirre is urging for increased water recycling in San Diego. The City Attorney stated that San Diegans do not have "the luxury of thinking about it anymore." He cited a recent federal court ruling that protects an endangered fish species, which may adversely affect Southern California and San Diego's water supply.

Aguirre states, "The City has the opportunity to jointly address the issues of water supply and wastewater treatment in San Diego. The City is facing significant reductions in the amount of water it receives from the Delta and the Colorado River, which is likely to get worse over time. The City is also facing the prospect of upgrading the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant to secondary levels, estimated to cost as much as \$1.5 billion. The City Attorney will engage the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and local environmental groups to explore and evaluate the possibility of a consent decree or other mechanism that allows the City to pursue increased water recycling in return for continued waivers from secondary treatment at Point Loma."

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3. Interim Report #18, "Adverse Domination of the Government of the City of San Diego"

The Report recommends the Mayor and City Council take action now to reverse a "funding debt in excess of \$2 billion in its pension system as a result of a number of governmental decisions, including, but not limited to, the creation of illegal retirement benefits." The City Attorney released a chart, listing the action to be taken.

The City Attorney's Interim Report #18 was also provided to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on August 31, 2007 and the accompanying letter to the SEC has been released to the news media, as well as a letter to Congressman Barney Frank, Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, requesting that the Chairman ask the SEC why it has "ignored the illegal acts perpetrated by City officials in San Diego."

To view a copy of Interim Report#18 and exhibits, visit www.sandiegocityattorney.org, click "City Attorney Investigative Interim Reports."

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